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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR MAY 24

1. FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST FROM
LEGISLATIVE REPORT OF MAY 24:

A. THE HOUSE PASSED THE FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL
BY A VOTE OF 242-163. IN THE FINAL DAY OF DEBATE SOUTHERN
AFRICA, ARMS EXPORT POLICY, KOREA AND TURKEY WERE THE
PRINCIPAL ISSUES.

B. SOUTHERN AFRICA: BY A VOTE OF 204-208 THE HOUSE
DEFEATED AN AMENDMENT BY REP. ICHORD TO ELIMINATE THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND. THE HOUSE
ALSO FOUGHT BACK EFFORTS TO RESTRICT THE PRESIDENT'S
FLEXIBILITY TO UTILIZE THE \$100 MILLION SOUTHERN
AFRICAN SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND BY ADOPTING BONKER'S
SUBSTITUTE TO A BAUMAN AMENDMENT (238-173) AND DIGGS'
SUBSTITUTE TO A CRANE AMENDMENT (65-34). BAUMAN WOULD
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HAVE RESTRICTED THE FUND TO DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED
GOVERNMENTS, WHILE CRANE WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED ITS USE
IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA.

C. KOREA: BY A VOTE OF 139-260 THE HOUSE DEFEATED A
HARKIN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE CUT THE OVERALL FMS
PROGRAM BY AN ADDITIONAL 5 . AS NOTED IN THE COURSE

OF THE DEBATE, A CUT OF THIS MAGNITUDE COULD NOT BE
EFFECTED WITHOUT CUTTING \$275 MILLION FOR THE KOREAN
PROGRAM. A SAWYER AMENDMENT, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF
THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD PERSUADE THE
GOVERNMENT OF KOREA TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL
INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY KOREAN REPRE-
SENTATIVES, WAS ACCEPTED.

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